

EXPLO Systems Inc Camp Minden, Webster Parish, LA



Improper storage of M6 Propellant – Nov. 2012



Magazine Explosion – Oct. 2012

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ISSUE: Camp Minden - 18M lbs of M6 Propellant & other explosive materials in 98 magazines filled to capacity.



Entities Involved

Potentially Responsible Parties:

Explo Systems, Incorporated – Operator

DOD/ARMY – Generator

Louisiana National Guard (LANG)– Owner

General Dynamics – Generator

Alliant (ATK)-Generator

Coordinating Agencies:

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF)

Louisiana Department on Environmental Quality
(LDEQ)

Louisiana State Police (LSP)

Timeline & Completed Actions

- **Dec 2004:** DOD transferred property to LANG after an NPL Clean Up for groundwater contaminated by Red Water
- **Mar 2010:** DOD contracted EXPLo to recycle explosives*
- **Oct 2012: Magazine explodes. LSP/EPA/LDEQ/ATF respond**
- **November 2012:** LSP/LANG initiated relocation of unsecured explosives from EXPLo Systems to magazines at Camp Minden
- **Feb 2013:** LANG/LA Governor's Office request for transportation & storage of explosives to Secretary of Defense was denied
- **April & May 2013:** DOD ESB conducted safety assessments
- **May 2013:** LSP/LANG completed relocation of ~10 million lbs. of explosives into magazines at Camp Minden
- **Aug 2013:** ATF revoked EXPLo's explosives license; EXPLo filed for Bankruptcy; Identification of 3 M lbs. of M6 in Camden, AR
- **September 2013:** 18 M lbs. of explosives transferred from EXPLo to LANG
- **October 2013:** EPA issues AOC/SOW to PRPs and continues negotiation

WHAT'S BEEN DONE:

- LSP, LANG, LDEQ, EPA, & ATF – close coordination
- 10 M lbs. improperly stored explosives relocated to magazines



NEXT STEP:

EPA negotiating AOC with PRPs and participating agencies to address hazardous substances and explosives



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